

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 2 Week 8

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Today is the winter solstice, midwinter's day, the shortest day. Last Sunday people leapt into the sea for the annual polar plunge and this Saturday is the midwinter festival in the Octagon.

I read a quote recently that said that the effect that we as parents had on our child was immense and life long. Not what we say but rather what we do. Think back to your own parents attitudes, values and how have they shaped you?

A vital component that young people need if they are to succeed in our modern future is to be life long learners. To achieve this they need your support, this doesn't mean that you have to become another class-room teacher but rather you teach by the actions that you model: read in front of your children, play games with them, discuss events with them and most importantly answer their questions, even when you are busy or tired.

Our children are only young for a short time and soon enough they stop asking you questions and start telling you the answers (as the parent of any teenager will know). If you don't know the answer to a question then, say I don't know but lets find out together. With children most of the fun is in the finding out.

So if someone in your class asks what the solstice means, or they ask why do people march around the Octagon on a freezing night and you aren't 100% sure, find out with your child together.

This shows that that even the people that they respect most, are still learning, so it's a good thing for them to continue to learn too

Have a great week
Mike Brosnahan

Miniball Tournament last week



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

We read a journal story about making Manu Taratahi. It is from School Journal Part 4, Number 2, 2006.

On 'boy day' in Room 7 some of us made a kite out of bamboo wool and toitoi. First we cut the bamboo for the frame and tied it together with wool then we cut the bamboo to fit on the frame. As we went on we put on one piece at a time then tied it to the frame. When we were finished we added toitoi to the end of the frame. Unfortunately we don't think it will fly. It took a long time and perseverance. We had boy day because the girls went to the Edgar Centre to play netball. You can see our master piece in the foyer. We recommend you go the Matariki festival at the octagon at 5:30 pm on June the 25th.



Looking Ahead Term 2

24th	Room 2 Assembly 2.20pm in the Hall
26th	Confirmation at 9am Mass
30th	Yr Six Information Night 7pm in Rm 7
July	
8th	Room 1 Assembly 2.20pm in the Hall
8th	School Disco
13th	Mufti Day—gold Coin donation
14th	Senior Sports Exchange

PTA News Quiz Night

A really great night was had by all that attended this fun event. Thank you to everyone who supported this. We raised \$875.00 profit!

Thank you to these generous sponsors:

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Congratulations to the 10 students who were part of the St Mary's School Team that took part in "Go Hard for the Hungry" 40 hour famine in May. Together these students have raised over \$437.00 for World Vision. This is a great result when you consider that \$40 is enough money to feed 10 children for the entire year in East Timor. Well done to all of the other students who took part as part of their Church Group or another community organisation.

A thought for the week...

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life, you will have been all of these.

George Washington Carver

Sport Results

Netball:

Yr 8 Gold won 12-8
Yr 7 Silver lost 14-8
Yr 5/6 Blue Won 12-11
Future Ferns won 9-3

Miniball

Yr 7/8 Basketball won 29-25
Hawkers
Grizzleys
All Stars lost 3-5

Hockey

Greensticks/Fairfield lost 2-0
St Mary's Team won 4-5



Photos

If you have any photos of our sports players could you please email them to me at school so I can include in the newsletter, as well as any information you have about the team. Thanks.

Senior Rugby



Year 6—Information Evening 30th June 7pm –Room 7

To prepare our Year Six pupils for their transition into our senior class/intermediate department and to make the parents and pupils aware of the opportunities that we offer, we will be sending out our information packs late this week and holding an information evening on Thursday 30th June in Room Seven at 7pm—all welcome.

If your children are not in Year Six but you would like more information please feel free to request an information pack from the school office or come to our information evening.

Transport/Safety

Could all parents dropping off and picking up children please ensure that they obey the rules of the road especially not parking on yellow lines. This will ensure that all our pupils stay safe.

Guitar Lessons—Start this Thursday

Beginners Class to be offered for Year 4 children and up. Starting **23rd** June for five lessons 3.10-3.45pm in Room 5. Cost \$15. Register at the school office.
- Mary Dillon



Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go to the O'Neill family Alison, Richard, Sam, Sarah and Thomas on the loss of their mother and grandmother.

Confirmation

This Sunday 26th June at the 9am Mass, the children are to wear good tidy clothes, and arrive at 8.50am. Please bring a small plate to share for morning tea after.

Altar Servers Sunday 26th June

Josh Hyde, Brendon O'Neill, Mitchell Cumming.

Newsletter on the Web

Our school newsletter is on the school web site www.stmarys-mosgiel.school.nz Plus all the old newsletters, so if anyone from overseas wants to see our school news, they can have a look. A great way for family and friends to see the children's activities.